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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**INFANTSEE WEEK**  
FEBRUARY 23-27, 2009

**WHEREAS**, the most critical stages of vision development occur in the first year of a child's life; and

**WHEREAS**, undetected eye and vision problems can lead to permanent vision impairment, loss of life or decreased quality of life; and

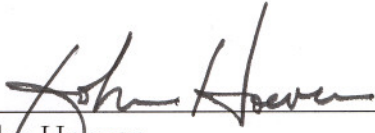
**WHEREAS**, one in ten children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems; and

**WHEREAS**, early detection of vision problems is the best way to treat and prevent permanent vision impairment; and

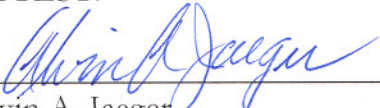
**WHEREAS**, member optometrists of the American Optometric Association, which includes the North Dakota Optometric Association, have created InfantSEE, a public health program to provide a one-time, no-cost eye assessment for infants 6 to 12 months of age; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to participate in InfantSEE Week by scheduling an InfantSEE eye assessment for their infants.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim February 23-27, 2009, **INFANTSEE WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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